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AMENDMENT TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 43, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

Next, the function of the bright state will be explained. A bright state can be achieved by altering the substantially circularly polarized incident light into a linearly polarized light on the light reflective film 7 with the optical retardation compensator plates 8 and 9 that are configured so as to fulfill aforementioned Equation (1); the vibration direction of an opto-electric field generated by the linearly polarized light in this case is arbitrary in the plane that contains the light reflective film 7. In other words, irrespective of whether the light having wavelengths in the visible area is linearly polarized in directions that vary depending on the wavelengths or linearly polarized light in the same direction irrespective of the wavelengths, a similarly bright state can be achieved.